



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting, January 11 at 11 AM at the
First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.
The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Pete Gogolak

“How an Immigrant Changed the Game of American Football”



Peter Gogolak and his family escaped from Communist Hungary during the 1956 revolution. It was a daring fight for freedom and opened a new world for the 15 year old Peter and his younger brother Charlie.

Within eight years of arriving in America, Peter was making football history. He introduced soccer-style place kicking in both college and professional football. At Cornell University, he made 54 consecutive extra points, a college record.

In 1964 he was overlooked by the NFL but drafted in the last round by the AFL Buffalo Bills. The Bills won the 1964 and 1965 AFL Championships and Peter made the Sporting News All AFL Team. He was the first to switch from the AFL to the NFL, sparking the “war between the leagues” when he signed with the New York Giants, which led to the eventual merger of the two leagues.

Peter is still the all-time leading scorer of the New York Giants and in 2010 he was inducted into the Ring of Honor at Giant Stadium. In 2006 he was asked by the White House to be the US Citizen Representative in Budapest at the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution.

After his playing career, Peter was a long-time sales executive with the financial printing firm RR Donnelly.

Next week: January 18, Captain Michael Freddie, Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, “The U.S. Coast Guard and its Role in our Nation’s Defense.”

The Greenwich Retired Men’s Association offers a free program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact us by email at info@greenwichrma.org.